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1. SUMMARY. CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAM AND COORDINATION (CPC) OF CHAPTER 9 (HUMAN RIGHTS), WHICH LASTED NEARLY TWO DAYS -- AFTERNOON OF MAY 23 TO NOON MAY 25 -- ELICITED MAJOR ATTACK FROM USSR, SUPPORTED BY BYELORUSSIA. A NUMBER OF OTHER STATES ALSO COMMENTED ON VARIOUS PORTIONS OF THE MTP PRESENTATION. END SUMMARY

2. EMPLOYING FULL RANGE OF ARGUMENTS AGAINST VARIOUS PORTIONS OF MTP -- INCLUDING LACK OF REVIEW BY APPROPRIATE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL BODY, INCLUSION OF UNACCEPTABLE PROGRAMS OR PROBLEMS, FAILURE TO INCLUDE OTHERS, OVER-SPECIFICITY ON SOME PROJECTS, GENERALITY ON OTHERS -- THE SOVIETS OPENED ATTACK ON MAY 24 BY OBJECTING TO PRIORITY GIVEN SUBPROGRAM 1 OVER SUBPROGRAM 2. KEY REASON GIVEN WAS THAT PART OF SUBPROGRAM 1 (IMPLEMENTATION OF INTER-NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS AND ESTABLISHED UN PROCEDURES) DEALT WITH COMMUNICATIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS PERTAINING TO HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS (ECOSOC'S 1503 PROCEDURES). USSR SAID ANY UN ACTIVITY WITH RESPECT TO

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HUMAN RIGHTS SHOULD FALL WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS AND NOT BE GUIDED BY INDIVIDUAL COMPLAINTS. (IN REPLY TO THIS POINT, THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION (VAN BOVEN) NOTED THAT THE DIVISION WAS DOING A "FACE-SAVING" JOB FOR THE UN BY HANDLING SUCH COMMUNICATIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD FAITH IN THE UN. FURTHER, THE INCREASE IN SUCH

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRED ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR HANDLING THEM.)

3. IN OTHER INTERVENTIONS USSR SOUGHT TO INCLUDE IN PARAGRAPH 9.13 ENUMERATION OF GROSS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, REFERENCES TO FOREIGN AGGRESSION, FOREIGN DOMINATION, AND DENIAL OF THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION, ALL CITED BY GA RESOLUTION 32/130 WHICH SOVIETS DECLARED SHOULD BE THE BASIS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WORK PROGRAM. IN SUBPROGRAM 2 (STANDARD-SETTING, RESEARCH, STUDIES, AND PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION), USSR OBJECTED FOR VARIETY OF REASONS TO MANY OF THE PROBLEMS TO BE ADDRESSED (PARAS 9.30-9.45) ASSERTING THAT SOME WERE MEANINGLESS (RIGHTS OF MINORITIES AND OF INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS), OTHERS TOO GENERAL OR UNFOCUSSED (RIGHTS OF NON-CITIZENS AND OF PERSONS SUBJECTED TO DETENTION). UNDER THE SECTION ON STRATEGY AND OUTPUT (PARA 9.64) USSR CLAIMED THAT SOME OF THE STUDIES WERE TO BE FINISHED IN 1978 AND THUS COULD NOT BE "CONTINUING ACTIVITIES" UNLESS A POLICY-MAKING BODY AUTHORIZED THEIR CONTINUATION. IT ALSO SOUGHT TO ADD, BOTH IN THIS SECTION AND LATER UNDER THE BIENNIUMS FOR 1980-81 AND 1982-83 (PARA 9.79), REFERENCES TO THE STRUGGLE WITH RACISM, ENSURING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS, AND RIGHT OF EVERYONE TO LIVE IN CONDITIONS OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

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4. UNDER SUBPROGRAM 3 (ADVISORY SERVICES AND PUBLICATIONS), USSR SOUGHT TO DELETE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 9.90, CONTENDING THAT THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD NOT SERVICE EITHER INDIVIDUALS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, BUT SHOULD WORK ONLY WITH MEMBER STATES. (BOTH US AND UK REBUTTED THIS POSITION AND SUPPORTED THE UN'S SUPPLYING INFORMATION TO BOTH NGOS AND INDIVIDUALS AS ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE AND PROPER.) AND IN SUBPROGRAM 4 (IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RACE DECADE) SOVIETS SOUGHT TO ADD TO THE SECTION ON LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY REFERENCE TO THE 30TH GA RESOLUTION 3379 EQUATING ZIONISM AND RACISM. (VAN BOVEN RESPONDED TO AND COUNTERED ALL THE OBJECTIONS, EXPLAINING THE AUTHORITY FOR ALL INCLUSIONS AND REASONS FOR ALLEGED OMISSIONS, NOTING IN PARTICULAR WITH REFERENCE TO THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE THAT ONLY RESOLUTIONS THAT HAD THE TITLE "PROGRAM OF ACTION" WERE INCLUDED AS LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY.)

5. AMONG THE MORE SIGNIFICANT COMMENTS BY OTHER STATES WITH RESPECT TO SUBPROGRAM 2, FRANCE, SUPPORTED BY THE UK, ASSERTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROBLEMS OF FREEDOM

OF INFORMATION AND FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND SAID THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN BASIC POSITIONS IN THE MTP AND NOT LUMPED IN A RESIDUAL PARAGRAPH ON "OTHER PROBLEMS" (PARAS 9.45 AND 9.64 P). JAPAN AND UK ALSO QUESTIONED RELEVANCE OF PROBLEMS MENTIONED IN THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 9.64 (P), NOTING THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS ASPECTS OF PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, POPULATION CONTROL, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ORDERS SEEMED PARTICULARLY TENUOUS.

6. WITH RESPECT TO SUBPROGRAM 3, ARGENTINA AND US RENEWED SUPPORT FOR TOTAL PROGRAM EXPRESSED EARLIER;

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INDIA SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE PROGRAM ON FELLOWSHIPS; AND GHANA AND JAPAN QUESTIONED WHETHER THE PUBLICATION PROGRAM MIGHT NOT BE REPETITIVE. USSR AND UK QUESTIONED INCLUSION IN PARA 9.90 OF CLAUSE "BUT THE PROGRAM OF ADVISORY SERVICES AND THE OVERALL HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM MUST BE BETTER COORDINATED AND MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE." USSR WANTED CLAUSE DELETED; UK, SUBSEQUENTLY SUPPORTED BY THE SECRETARIAT, SUGGESTED IT WAS MISPLACED AND SHOULD BE MOVED TO PARA 9.88 AS PART OF THE PROBLEM ADDRESSED. SECRETARIAT EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF THE PROBLEM AND THE NEED TO RECOGNIZE IT. YOUNG

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